

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
U.S. Application No. 10/706,087

***Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103***

**Claims 1, 6, 7, 12 and 15-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cook et al (5,297,529) in view of Distelhoff et al (2002/0108684).** This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 1, 7 and 15-18, and the amendment of claims 6 and 12 to expressly require the pressurizing means be mounted in a blistered portion of the fuel tank. This limitation is the basis for the Examiner's holding that claim 2 is patentable, and should be a basis for claims 6 and 12 being held patentable.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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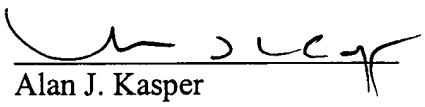
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